

# WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION



2013 Upland Game Bird  
2013-2014 Small Game  
2013 Fall Wild Turkey  
2014 Spring Wild Turkey



Pheasant

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## LICENSE FEES

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Resident Daily Game Bird/Small Game .....	\$9.00
Nonresident Daily Game Bird/Small Game.....	\$20.00
Resident Annual Game Bird/Small Game .....	\$24.00
Nonresident Annual Game Bird/Small Game .....	\$72.00
Nonresident Annual Youth Game Bird/Small Game (May only be issued to nonresidents under the age of 18 years) .....	\$40.00
Resident Annual Game Bird .....	\$16.00
Resident Annual Small Game.....	\$16.00
Resident Wild Turkey .....	\$16.00
Nonresident Wild Turkey.....	\$72.00
Annual Conservation Stamp .....	\$12.50
Lifetime Conservation Stamp .....	\$180.50
Lifetime Resident Game Bird/Small Game/Fishing.....	\$482.00
Lifetime Resident Game Bird/Small Game .....	\$302.00
Wildlife Damage Management Stamp .....	\$10.00

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## IMPORTANT HUNTER INFORMATION

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**DISCLAIMER:** The following sections are a condensed summary of applicable wildlife laws and other important information. This summary is in no way intended to alter the content or statutory intent of those laws. If you have any questions regarding the precise language, you can view a copy of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Statutes (Title 23) and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Regulations, available at Department Regional Offices, Cheyenne Headquarters, or consult the following websites: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov> or <http://sos.wy.state.wy.us> or <http://legisweb.state.wy.us>.

**ACCESS AND VEHICULAR TRAVEL ON LANDS ENROLLED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PLPW WALK-IN AREA OR HUNTER MANAGEMENT AREA ACCESS PROGRAMS.**

Private lands enrolled in either the Walk-in Area or Hunter Management Area programs only grant access to hunters or anglers for the species of wildlife and for the time periods specified in Department publications. Hunters/anglers wishing to use enrolled private lands for any other wildlife species, activity or time period must obtain permission from the owner or person in charge of the property. Travel by motorized vehicle is prohibited, except as otherwise stated. Department publications or signs shall serve as official regulations of the Commission and may advise of additional restrictions. The landowner or person in charge of the property may grant permission for motorized vehicle travel contrary to Department signs or publications.

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**AGE RESTRICTIONS; GAME BIRDS OTHER THAN WILD TURKEY.**

All persons fourteen (14) years of age and older shall possess the proper license while hunting game birds in Wyoming. A resident person less than fourteen (14) years of age may take game birds without a game bird license if accompanied by an adult. A nonresident person less than fourteen (14) years of age may take game birds without a game bird license if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid game bird license. Game birds taken by an unlicensed, nonresident person less than fourteen (14) years of age shall be applied to and limited by the daily bag and possession limits of the licensed adult in his company. A nonresident person less than fourteen (14) years of age who possesses a valid game bird license may take his own limit of game birds.

NOTE: A resident or nonresident person under fourteen (14) years of age may take a wild turkey with the proper license if accompanied by an adult.

**AGE RESTRICTIONS; SMALL GAME.**

No person fourteen (14) years or older nor any nonresident person less than fourteen (14) years shall take any small game animal without first obtaining the proper license. A nonresident person less than fourteen (14) years need not obtain a small game animal license if accompanied by an adult possessing a valid unexpired Wyoming small game animal license in which case the nonresident person's bag limit shall be applied to and limited by the small game hunting license held by the adult person in his company.

**ARCHERY:** Bow and arrow or crossbow are permissible equipment to take small game and upland game birds. No special archery license is required to hunt game birds or small game with archery equipment; however, archers must first obtain the proper hunting license and, if required, stamps and permits for the species to be hunted. Archers must abide by the regulations established for the regular hunting season.

**BAIT RESTRICTIONS.** No person shall take a game animal, game bird or game fish and use any parts thereof for bait to trap or poison any wildlife in Wyoming.

**CHECK STATIONS; MANDATORY REPORTING.** Every hunter, angler, or trapper of furbearing animals shall stop and report at every check station on route to or from the hunting, fishing or trapping area, regardless if the person has wildlife in possession. Upon request of any authorized Department representative, anyone who has been hunting, fishing, or trapping shall produce a valid license and conservation stamp, if required, and special management permit, if required, for game animals, game birds, furbearing animals or fish. Even if the game meat or fish in possession has been cut and wrapped or processed, the person transporting shall stop and report at the check station. Any person transporting wildlife harvested in another state or country shall stop at check stations on their route.

**CLOSED AREAS.** All areas within the state of Wyoming not opened by specific order of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission shall be closed to the taking of small game animals and game birds.

**CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS. HUNTERS REQUIRED TO WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE CLOTHING.** The wearing of fluorescent orange clothing while hunting small game and game birds is recommended as a safety measure and is required when hunting pheasants on Department Wildlife Habitat Management Areas or on Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering and including Glendo State Park. Fluorescent orange camouflage is legal. See Chapter 18, Pheasant Hunting Seasons.

**CONSERVATION STAMP REQUIRED.** Each person licensed to hunt or fish in Wyoming shall purchase one (1) conservation stamp valid for the calendar year. The stamp shall be signed in ink and shall be in the possession of the person while HUNTING OR FISHING. Hunters or anglers who acquire a lifetime conservation stamp or a conservation stamp authorization from the Department's computerized point of sale license issuance system shall not be required to meet the signature provision.

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under THESE licenses:

- Daily hunting or fishing license;
- Special limited fishing permit holders; or,
- Wyoming fifty (50%) percent disabled veteran fishing license.

Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under ANY Wyoming license. The person shall at all times be in possession of the license allowing the conservation stamp exemption while in the field:

- Any Wyoming pioneer hunting or fishing license;
- Wyoming one hundred (100%) percent disabled veteran game bird, small game and fishing license;
- Military combat general elk or general deer license; or,
- Military combat game bird or small game license.

Conservation stamps may be purchased from Cheyenne Headquarters, Regional Offices, license selling agents throughout the state and the Department's website at <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>. A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased by applying to the Cheyenne Headquarters Office, License Section or through any Game and Fish Regional Office.

**DEFINITIONS:**

- "Artificial light or Lighting Device" means any man-made light or lighting device that projects a light visible to the unaided eye outside of the device, or any battery-powered device that provides an enhanced ability to see in the dark.
- "Designated road" means only established roads that are marked with a white arrow sign as open to motor vehicles. Unmarked roads not marked with a white arrow sign are closed to motor vehicles.
- "Domicile" means that place where a person has his true, fixed and permanent home to which whenever the person is temporarily absent the person has the intention of returning. To prove domicile as required by Wyoming Statutes §23-1-102 and §23-1-107 a person shall be able to establish that he: physically resides in Wyoming; has made his permanent home in Wyoming; is not residing in Wyoming for a special or temporary purpose; and has abandoned his domicile in all other states, territories or countries.
- "Established road" means any road or trail that has been graded or constructed to carry motor vehicles or on which repeated motor vehicle traffic has created well-defined tracks. Established roads on Department managed lands, excluding lands enrolled in the Private Lands/Public Wildlife Access Program, shall be marked with white arrow signs as open to motor vehicles. Established roads enrolled in the Department's Private Lands/Public Wildlife Access Program are closed to motor vehicles unless designated as open to motor vehicles by Department sign.
- "Falconry" means the sport of taking quarry by means of a trained raptor.
- "Game bird" means grouse, partridge, pheasant, ptarmigan, quail, wild turkey and migratory game birds.
- "License" means a document issued by the Department, through the authority of the Commission, to a qualified individual that grants certain privileges to take fish or wildlife in accordance with statutory or regulatory provisions.
- "Migratory game bird" means all migratory game birds defined and protected under federal law.
- "Nonresident" means any person not a resident.

- "Orders" means orders, rules and regulations.
- "Permit" means a document that grants additional privileges to an individual who possesses the proper license(s) to carry out activities not authorized by the license itself.
- "Predacious bird" means English sparrow and starling.
- "Predatory animal" means coyote, jackrabbit, porcupine, raccoon, red fox, skunk, stray cat or gray wolf where not designated as a trophy game animal.
- "Protected animal" means black-footed ferret, fisher, lynx, otter, pika or wolverine.
- "Protected bird" means migratory birds as defined and protected under federal law.
- "Public road or highway" means any roadway that is open to vehicular travel by the public. The road surface, the area between the fences on a fenced public road or highway, and an area thirty (30) feet perpendicular to the edge of the road surface on an unfenced public road or highway shall be considered the public road or highway. Two-track trails on public lands are not public roads.
- "Resident" means a United States citizen or legal alien who is domiciled in Wyoming for at least one (1) full year immediately preceding making application for any resident game and fish license, preference point, permit or tag, shall not have claimed residency in any other state, territory, or country for any other purpose during that one (1) year period, and meets the requirements specified in Wyoming Statutes §23-1-102 and §23-1-107.
- "Small game animal" means cottontail rabbit or snowshoe hare, and fox, gray and red squirrels.
- "Take" means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill or possess, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, shoot, fish, seine, trap, kill or possess.

**DUPLICATE AND REPLACEMENT LICENSE ISSUED UPON LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF ORIGINAL; PURCHASE AND FEES.** When any license issued has been lost or destroyed, the licensee may secure a duplicate of the original license from any Department Regional Office, Cheyenne Headquarters, District Game Warden or designated license selling agents. A duplicate license shall be issued if the original license was hand issued or if the original license was issued through the Department's computerized point of sale license issuance system and contained a carcass coupon. A replacement license shall be issued if the original license was issued through the Department's computerized point of sale license issuance system and did not contain a carcass coupon. The licensee may secure a replacement license at Department Regional Offices, Cheyenne Headquarters and from license selling agents participating in the Department's computerized point of sale license issuance system. The Department shall charge a fee of five dollars (\$5) for each duplicate or replacement license.

**EMERGENCY CLOSURES.** The Wyoming Game and Fish Commission may institute an emergency closure to shorten the season in any area at any time if a harvest quota is reached or if an emergency arises warranting the closure. Should a closure become necessary after the season opens, no refunds will be given for unused licenses.

**FALSE SWEARING, FRAUD OR FALSE STATEMENT PROHIBITED.**

No person shall procure or attempt to procure any license, tag or permit by false swearing, fraud or false statement of any kind or in any form.

**HUNTER SAFETY/MENTOR PROGRAM.** Except as otherwise provided, no person born on or after January 1, 1966, may take wildlife by the use of firearms on land other than that of his own family, unless that person can demonstrate they have obtained a certificate of competency and safety in the use of handling firearms. Attendance and successful completion of a hunter safety course offered by an association or governmental agency approved by the Commission satisfies the requirements of this section. A person who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use of handling firearms may apply to the Department for a special authorization to take wildlife with the use of a firearm while being accompanied by a person who is at least 18 years old, acting as a mentor, who possesses or can demonstrate he has successfully completed a hunter safety course and who possesses a valid Wyoming hunting license. A special authorization issued to an individual shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue and shall be in the possession of the recipient at all times while in the field. The application may be obtained from Cheyenne Headquarters, regional offices or on the Department's website (<http://wgfd.wyo.gov>). No person shall apply for and receive more than one (1) special authorization to hunt with a mentor. Any person acting as a mentor to a mentee with a special authorization pursuant to this section shall not provide supervision for more than one (1) mentee at a time in the field and shall accompany the mentee at all times to provide constant supervision.

**LEGAL WEAPONS FOR GAME BIRDS AND SMALL GAME.** Except as otherwise provided, game birds, excluding blue and ruffed grouse, may only be taken by a center-fire or muzzleloading shotgun not larger than ten (10) gauge plugged to admit no more than one (1) shell in the chamber and two (2) shells in the magazine. Any shotgun center-fire firearm, .22 WMR or .17 HMR or rimfire firearm, or muzzle-loader may be used to take wild turkeys. Small game may be taken with any weapon.

**LICENSE FRAUD PROHIBITED, INVALIDATION BY IMPROPER FEES.** Wyoming Game and Fish licenses, permits, stamps, tags or coupons shall not be altered by anyone other than authorized Game and Fish Department personnel. No license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon shall be transferred or used for the purpose of taking wildlife except by the individual to whom it was issued and therein named and while in that individual's possession. No individual shall take or attempt to take any wildlife using another individual's license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon. Any license, tag, permit or stamp shall not be valid unless the proper fees have been received by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Any Wyoming Game and Fish law enforcement officer may seize as evidence any license, tag, stamp or permit that was obtained in violation of Commission regulations or Wyoming statutes.

**LICENSE TO HUNT WITH FALCONS; LICENSE TO TAKE FALCONS; SPECIAL SEASONS.** Any person holding a valid Wyoming license

for game birds or small game animals may purchase a license to hunt with falcons from Cheyenne Headquarters, Regional Offices and license selling agents throughout the state. The license entitles the holder thereof to hunt, pursue and kill upland game birds and small game animals by and with the use of falcons. This permit to hunt with falcons and the regular hunting license entitle the holder to hunt as provided by law and rules, orders and regulations of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission. Persons holding the proper license to hunt with falcons as stated above may hunt, pursue and kill upland game birds without distinction of sex in any of the established hunting seasons for upland game birds. However, no person shall carry any firearm while hunting with a falcon.

**MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS FOR LIMITED LICENSES PROHIBITED.**

Except as otherwise authorized by statute or regulation, no person shall submit more than one (1) application for a license for the same big or trophy game species or for wild turkey if the issuance of the license has been limited by the Commission.

**NON-TOXIC SHOT.** Non-toxic shot (steel or any other federally approved non-toxic shot) shall be required when taking or attempting to take migratory game birds, or upland game birds, and when using a shotgun to take small game on all lands included in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas.

**NON-TOXIC SHOT. REQUIREMENT ON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES.**

Non-toxic shot is required for any person using a shotgun while hunting upland game birds or small game on a National Wildlife Refuge. CAUTION: More restrictive regulations may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, PO Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0486, (303) 236-7540.

**PRECAUTIONS WHEN HUNTING IN AREAS OCCUPIED BY GRIZZLY BEARS.**

Hunters and anglers are reminded that many areas in and around the Bridger-Teton, Shoshone and Caribou-Targhee National Forests in northwest Wyoming are occupied by grizzly bears. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department strongly recommends individuals working and recreating in these areas take precautions, including carrying bear pepper spray, to avoid conflicts with grizzly bears. Information about human safety in occupied grizzly habitat and proper storage of food and other attractants is available from Regional Offices and Cheyenne Headquarters, U.S. Forest Service Offices, and the Department's website: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov>. Regulations concerning human activities in occupied grizzly habitat and food/carcass storage can be obtained from the Forest Service. Report conflicts with grizzly bears to the nearest Regional Office.

**PERMISSION TO HUNT, FISH OR TRAP.**

No person shall enter upon the private property of any person to hunt, fish or trap without the permission of the owner or person in charge of the property. The license must bear the signature of the landowner, lessee, or agent of the owner on whose private property the hunter is hunting or the legitimate proof as evidence that permission to hunt has been granted.



**PROHIBITED ACTS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO:**

- Shoot or attempt to kill any wildlife from any public road or highway. No person shall fire any firearm from, upon, along or across any public road or highway. No person shall knowingly fire any rifle from the enclosed lands of one person onto or across the enclosed lands of another without the permission of both persons.
- Use any dog to hunt, run or harass any big or trophy game animal, protected animal or furbearing animal except as otherwise provided by statute. The Commission shall regulate the use of dogs to take mountain lions and bobcats during hunting or trapping seasons.
- Take and leave, abandon or allow any game bird, game fish or game animal (except trophy game animal), or edible portion, to intentionally or needlessly go to waste.
- Transport illegally taken wildlife across state lines; such transportation is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act.
- Abandon meat from a big game animal or game bird at a meat processing plant. Unless there is an express agreement between the processing plant and the person providing otherwise, any meat from a big game animal or game bird left at a meat processing plant for more than forty-five (45) days is prima facie evidence of a violation if written notice of the expiration of time has been attempted by the processing plant in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission.
- Carry a firearm with a cartridge therein or take any wildlife while intoxicated or under the influence of any controlled substance.

**RIGHT TO SEARCH.** Any person authorized to enforce the Game and Fish Act may seize and take into custody any wildlife that has been unlawfully taken or that is unlawfully in possession. Any person authorized to enforce the provisions of the Game and Fish Act may search, without warrant, any camp, camp outfit, pack, pack outfit, pack animal, motor vehicle, boat, wagon or trailer for any wildlife that the officer has probable cause to believe was taken or is possessed unlawfully. Any person authorized to enforce the provisions of the Game and Fish Act may search with a search warrant any place or property for any wildlife that the officer may have probable cause to believe was taken or is possessed unlawfully.

**SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS OUT OF STATE.** All game birds that are harvested by either a resident or nonresident and that are to be shipped or transported across the state line must be accompanied by the licensee. In the event that the licensee cannot accompany the game birds across the state line, a Wyoming interstate game tag affidavit must be filled out and a Wyoming interstate game tag issued prior to shipment or transportation. All meat shipped or transported by other than the licensee must be accompanied by the Wyoming interstate game tag.

**SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS WITHIN WYOMING.** No person shall ship, transport, or receive for shipment or transportation within Wyoming, any game animal, game bird, or any part thereof, unless tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag, or unless the transportation is by a person accompanying the carcass of a big or trophy game animal who is in possession of a proper coupon, or

the transportation is by a properly licensed game bird or small game hunter in possession of not more than his daily bag or possession limit.

**TAGGING WILD TURKEYS.** When any wild turkey is killed under a license, the licensee shall detach, sign and date the proper carcass coupon and attach the coupon to the carcass before leaving the site of kill. The coupon shall remain on the wild turkey carcass at all times until the meat undergoes processing, except that during transportation of the carcass the coupon may be removed to prevent its loss. If the coupon is removed for transportation of the carcass, it must be completely filled out and in possession of the person accompanying the carcass at all times. When dating a carcass coupon, the entire wedge or block shall be cut out for the day and month of the kill. The carcass coupon shall be attached to the carcass of any wild turkey in such a manner as to be plainly visible.

**WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS WITH DIFFICULT PUBLIC ACCESS.** Hunt areas marked with an asterisk (\*) represent hunt areas that are predominantly private lands or that have inaccessible or limited access to public lands. If you are considering applying for a license in any of these hunt areas, it is advised you obtain landowner permission prior to making application for the license. Obtaining permission to hunt after you receive a license is often difficult or impossible. You may hunt legally accessible public lands within these hunt areas, but often such lands are in small parcels, receive heavy hunting pressure, and may not have the species of wildlife present that you desire to hunt. In addition, wildlife are often more abundant on the private land portions of these areas. The inability to secure a place to hunt is not cause for a license refund or exchange of license for another hunter area.

**USE OF AIRCRAFT, AUTOMOBILES, MOTORIZED AND SNOW VEHICLES AND ARTIFICIAL LIGHT FOR HUNTING OR FISHING PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION.** No person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot or kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals with, from, or by use of any aircraft, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle or vehicle designed for travel over snow. No person shall use any aircraft to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife, or by providing other aid to any person taking the wildlife. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to the use of any aircraft by governmental agencies, their employees, contractors or designees performing any lawful duties. No person shall take any wildlife with the aid of or by using any artificial light or lighting device except that predators may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or lighting device by:

- (i) A public officer authorized to control predators;
- (ii) A landowner, resident manager, or person with the landowner's or a resident manager's written permission, on land under the landowner's control for the protection of his property.

It is prima facie evidence of a violation if a person uses an artificial light in an area that may be inhabited by wildlife while having in his possession and control any device for taking wildlife. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the hunting on foot of raccoon with the aid of a handlight, provided the hunter is accompanied by a raccoon hunting dog and, if hunting on private lands, has the written permission of the landowner or his agent.

**USE OF AIRCRAFT TO SPOT OR LOCATE WILDLIFE.** No person shall use any aircraft to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife, or by providing other aid to any person taking the wildlife within twenty-four (24) hours of being airborne. This shall not apply to commercial, commuter or other aircraft used for the sole purpose of passenger transport.

**VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS ON FEDERAL LAND.** Sportsmen are advised that many areas of National Forest and Bureau of Land Management lands are subject to travel and vehicle use limitations to protect resources. Maps and additional information regarding these limitations are available at U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other agency offices near these public lands.

**WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP.** The Wyoming Legislature created the Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board to manage rabid wildlife, mitigate damage caused to livestock, wildlife and crops by predatory animals, predacious birds and depredating animals, and protect human health and safety. The legislation developed several sources of funding for the Board to carry out its responsibilities including the creation of a WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP. The fee for this stamp will be established annually by the Animal Damage Management Board. The stamp may be voluntarily purchased by those interested in funding the activities of the Board at all Wyoming Game and Fish Commission license selling agents, at Wyoming Game and Fish Department Regional Offices and at Cheyenne Headquarters. Purchase of the stamp is not mandatory, but does provide sportsmen a voluntary means to fund predator management.

**WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT.** Wyoming is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact. The Compact enables a violator from any state that is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact to accept a wildlife citation and proceed on his way without being required to post an appearance bond unless the violation requires MUST APPEAR and NO BOND ACCEPTED. The Compact recognizes the suspension of wildlife license privileges in the home state of any person whose license privileges have been suspended by a participating state. If you have had your privileges suspended in any of the participating states, you may lose your privileges in Wyoming, in addition to all the participating Compact states. Additional information about the Compact can be obtained by contacting the Wildlife Law Enforcement Coordinator at (307) 233-6413.

**WIND RIVER RESERVATION.** Only non-Indian owned, fee title lands are open to the taking of wildlife with a Wyoming license. Land status is complicated and lawful access must be investigated thoroughly. Sportsmen are advised it is their responsibility to determine land status prior to entering these areas.

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## CHAPTER 11

### SAGE GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS

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**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of sage grouse as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of sage grouse that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of sage grouse that may be legally in possession. Sage grouse in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

#### **Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of sage grouse shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting sage grouse on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting sage grouse on national wildlife refuges.

(c) Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Dates of Season		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 21	Sep. 30	2	4	Any sage grouse
2, 3					CLOSED
4	Sep. 21	Sep. 23	2	4	Any sage grouse

#### **Section 5. Archery Regulations.**

(a) Sage grouse may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

#### **Section 6. Falconry Seasons.**

(a) Sage grouse may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

(c) The daily bag limit shall be one (1) sage grouse and the possession limit shall be two (2) sage grouse.

(d) Persons taking sage grouse with falcons shall respond to Wyoming Game and Fish Department surveys requesting harvest information.

#### **Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number.

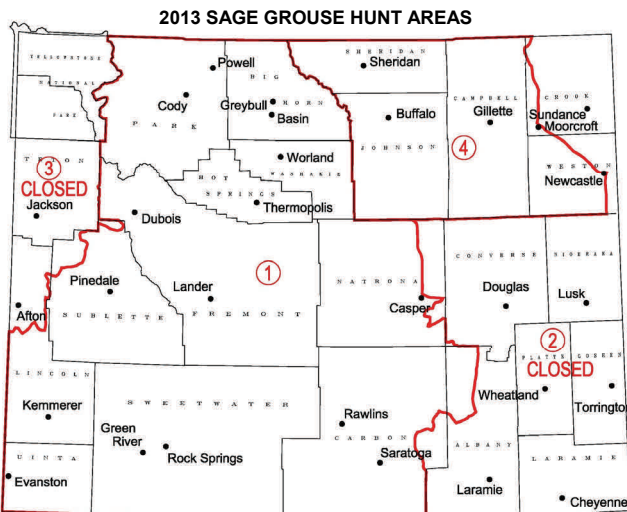
**Area 1.** Includes all of Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Sweetwater, Uinta and Washakie counties, as well as that portion of Albany County north of U.S. Highway 30-287 and west of the Fetterman Road (Albany County Road 61), that portion of Converse County south and west of the Balsh Road (U.S.F.S. Road 660), all of Carbon County except that portion east of the Medicine Bow River and south of U.S. Highway 30-287, all of Lincoln and Sublette counties except those portions in the Snake River drainage, and all of Natrona County except that portion east of Interstate Highway 25. Area 1 also excludes that portion of Natrona County south of I-25 in the Muddy Creek drainage.

**Area 2.** The entire state of Wyoming excluding the lands described in Areas 1, 3 and 4.

**Area 3.** All lands in the Snake River drainage within Lincoln, Sublette and Teton counties.

**Area 4.** Beginning at the intersection of the Sheridan-Big Horn County line with the Wyoming-Montana state line; easterly along said state line to the Rocky Point Road in Crook County; southerly along said road to the "D" Road; southerly along said road to Interstate Highway 90; easterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 16 at Moorcroft; southeasterly along said highway to U.S. Highway 85 at Newcastle; southerly along said highway to the Weston-Niobrara-Campbell-Converse-Natrona-Johnson county lines; westerly along said county lines to the Washakie-Johnson-Big Horn-Sheridan county lines; northerly then northwesterly along said county lines to the Wyoming-Montana state line.

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.



THIS MAP IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY. Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation for detailed boundary information.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: *Mike Healy*

Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

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## CHAPTER 12

### BLUE AND RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS

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**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of blue and ruffed grouse as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

- (a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of blue and ruffed grouse that may be legally taken in a single day.
- (b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of blue and ruffed grouse that may be legally in possession. Blue and ruffed grouse in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

#### **Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of blue and ruffed grouse shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting blue and ruffed grouse on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting blue or ruffed grouse on national wildlife refuges.

(c) Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Dates of Season		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	Nov. 30	3	9	Any blue or ruffed grouse

#### **Section 5. Archery Regulations.**

(a) Blue and ruffed grouse may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

#### **Section 6. Falconry Seasons.**

(a) Blue and ruffed grouse may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

#### **Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number.

##### **Area 1. The entire state of Wyoming.**

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: 

Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

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## CHAPTER 13

### PARTRIDGE HUNTING SEASONS

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**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of chukar and gray partridge as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of partridge that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) "Partridge" means chukar partridge and gray partridge.

(d) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of partridge that may be legally in possession. Chukar and gray partridge in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

#### **Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of chukar and gray partridge shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting chukar and gray partridge on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting chukar and gray partridge on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(c) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while partridge are being transported.

(d) Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

Hunt Area	CHUKAR PARTRIDGE				
	Dates of Season		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	5 chukar partridge	15 chukar partridge	Any chukar partridge



Hunt Area	GRAY PARTRIDGE				
	Dates of Season		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Oct. 1	Jan. 31	5 gray partridge	15 gray partridge	Any gray partridge

#### **Section 5. Archery Regulations.**

(a) Chukar and gray partridge may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

#### **Section 6. Falconry Seasons.**

(a) Chukar and gray partridge may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 for all hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

#### **Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number.

**Area 1.** The entire state of Wyoming.

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: 

Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

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## **CHAPTER 18**

### **PHEASANT HUNTING SEASONS**

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**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of pheasants as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “Adult” means a person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(b) “Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of pheasants that may be legally taken in a single day.

(c) “Nontoxic shot” means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(d) “Possession limit” means the maximum number of pheasants that may be legally in possession. Pheasants in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

(e) “Season bag limit” means the total number of pheasants that may be legally taken from a particular hunt area during an entire season.

(f) “Youth” means any person who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) on or before October 1 of the application year.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Bag and Possession Limit. Only one (1) daily bag limit may be taken per day regardless of the number of hunt areas hunted in a single day. When hunting more than one (1) hunt area, a person’s daily and possession limits shall be equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest daily and possession limits prescribed for any one (1) of the specified hunt areas in which the hunting and possession occurs.

(b) Evidence of Sex and Species. Evidence of sex and species shall be retained on each pheasant harvested. The feathered head, feathered wing, or foot shall remain naturally attached to the carcass of the pheasant in the field and during transportation.

(c) Nontoxic Shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting pheasants on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting pheasants on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(d) Required Clothing. Any person hunting pheasants within the boundaries of any Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Wildlife Habitat Management Area, or on Bureau of Reclamation Withdrawal lands bordering and including Glendo State Park, shall wear in a visible manner at least one (1) outer garment of fluorescent orange color which shall include a hat, shirt, jacket, coat, vest, or sweater.

(e) Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit, Limitations and Shooting Hours.

Hunt Area	Dates of Season		Bag Limit		Limitations	Shooting Hours	
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession		Start	End
1	Nov. 2	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only	1/2 hour before Sunrise	Sunset
2	Nov. 2	Dec. 1	2	6	Any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 8)	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Dec. 2	Dec. 31	2	6	Male pheasant only	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
5	Nov. 2	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only except that portion of Area 5 north of the Shoshone River and west of the Yellowtail Reservoir shall be open for any pheasant (Youth Hunt-Refer to Section 8)	Veterans Day (State Observed Holiday), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and Weekend Days 1/2 hour before Sunrise.	Sunset
						Week Days 11:00 a.m.	Sunset
7	Nov. 2	Dec. 31	3	9	Male pheasant only except that portion of Area 7 in Platte and Laramie counties shall be open for any pheasant	1/2 hour before Sunrise	Sunset
						Table Mountain WHMA 1/2 hour before Sunrise	4:00 p.m.
8	Oct. 17	Nov. 1	3	Season Limit 3	Any pheasant (Springer permits) Refer to Section 6	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
	Nov. 2	Nov. 21	3	9	Any pheasant	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
9	Nov. 2	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant (Glendo permits) Refer to Section 7	8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
11	Nov. 2	Dec. 31	3	9	Any pheasant	1/2 hour before Sunrise	Sunset

(f) Closed Areas.

(i) The Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Fremont County shall be closed during the period of December 15 through March 10 to all human presence within one-half (1/2) mile of the aerator on the ice and as marked by signs on Wyoming Game and Fish Commission lands around the aerator. Wyoming Game and Fish Department administrative access shall be allowed during this period.

(ii) The Downar Bird Farm and Springer Headquarters in Goshen County shall be closed to pheasant hunting as marked by signs.

(iii) Pond Number 1 and adjacent lands on the Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County, as marked by colored signs and posts, shall be closed to pheasant hunting beginning November 22.

(iv) The Sheridan Bird Farm in Sheridan County shall be closed to pheasant hunting, except during hunts sponsored and supervised by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

**Section 5. Pheasant Special Management Permit.** A pheasant Special Management Permit shall be required of any person, except those exempted in this section, who participates in the hunting of pheasants in those areas listed in subsection (a) of this section. Owners of lands enrolled in the Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-In Access Program, and members of their immediate families (landowner's spouse, parents, grandparents, or lineal descendants and their spouses) are exempt from the requirement to obtain a pheasant special management permit when they are hunting pheasants on the deeded land of the landowner. The pheasant special management permit shall be in possession of any person while hunting pheasants, and shall be immediately produced for inspection upon request from any authorized Department representative. Any person purchasing a pheasant special management permit for the purpose set forth in this section shall validate the permit by signing that person's name in ink across the face of the permit. Hunters who acquire a pheasant special management permit through the Electronic Licensing Service (ELS) shall not be required to meet the signature provision of this section. The permit shall be available at Headquarters, Department Regional Offices and designated license selling agents.

(a) Special Management Permit Areas. A pheasant special management permit shall be required to hunt pheasants in the areas listed in this subsection:

(i) Bud Love Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Johnson County.

(ii) Glendo State Park, including all Bureau of Reclamation withdrawal lands bordering the Park and the adjoining Department Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Area in Platte County.

(iii) Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Fremont County.

(iv) Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area, including all the lands administered by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission surrounding Bump-Sullivan and Springer reservoirs in Goshen County.

(v) Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Area in Goshen County.

(vi) Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, excluding any private lands included within the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area, in Bighorn County.

(vii) All lands in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road in Fremont County.

(viii) All lands opened to the hunting of pheasants that are enrolled in the Department's Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Access Program, excluding Walk-In Access Areas in Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park and Washakie counties on which pheasants are not released by the Department.

(ix) All state lands in Johnson and Sheridan counties.

**Section 6. Springer Permit Pheasant Season.** In order to participate in this season, a person shall possess and present upon request a valid Springer permit, a valid bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute) and a pheasant special management permit. Persons born on or after January 1, 1966, shall possess and present upon request a hunter safety certificate. The Springer permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department. There shall be a Springer permit pheasant season in Hunt Area 8 beginning October 17 through November 1.

(a) Application for Springer permits. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Cheyenne Office of the Department on proper application forms beginning August 15. Applications shall be accepted until 5:00 p.m. September 15. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. Only youths may apply for Springer permits for youth only hunt days as set forth in Section 6 (c) of this Chapter. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. A person shall only submit a single application. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail of their hunting date and furnished a set of special instructions.

(b) Issuance of Springer permits. A maximum of one hundred twenty (120) permits shall be issued to successful applicants in the drawing for each day of the Springer permit pheasant season. A maximum of one hundred twenty (120) hunters shall be allowed to hunt at any one time during the Springer permit pheasant season. When a hunter checks out of the Springer Check Station, the Department may issue a permit to another person at the check station. If all one hundred twenty (120) permits for a single day have not been issued by the Department, or if the check station attendants are advised that a permitted hunter will not participate, the Department may issue a permit to another person at the check station on a first-come, first-served basis, not to exceed a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) permitted hunters. Permitted hunters may begin hunting at 8 a.m. Hunters who are issued permits through the drawing must check in at the check station by 9:00 a.m. on the date their permit is valid. Permits that are unclaimed after 9:00 a.m. shall be issued to other hunters on a first-come, first-served basis.

(c) Youth Only Hunt Days. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on the youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. The youth only hunt days are October 19 and October 27.

(d) Springer Check Station. The Springer Check Station is located one and one-quarter (1-1/4) miles west of U.S. Highway 85 on the south boundary of the Springer Wildlife Habitat Management Area. The hours of operation of the check station shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily during the Springer permit pheasant season. Persons participating in the Springer permit pheasant season shall check in at the check station prior to hunting. Prior to leaving the Springer permit pheasant area, each hunter shall check out at the check station by 4:30 p.m. on

the same day that the hunter registered and shall accurately report all harvested pheasants and return all special hunt materials to the check station.

(e) Parking assignment. Parking lot assignments and tags shall be issued by the Department for each vehicle utilized by hunters. Parking lot tags shall be displayed in a visible manner in each vehicle. All vehicles shall be parked in assigned parking lots.

**Section 7. Glendo Permit Pheasant Season.** Glendo permits shall be required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 9 on each Friday, Saturday and Monday during the open season in November. Glendo permits are not required to hunt pheasants in Hunt Area 9 on other days during the open season. A person shall possess and present upon request a valid Glendo permit (on those days required), a valid bird license and conservation stamp (unless otherwise exempted by state statute), a pheasant special management permit and for hunters born on or after

**GLEND O STATE PARK USER FEES.** Persons hunting pheasants in Glendo State Park are required to have a State Park Permit. Permits can be purchased at any State Park or by telephone at 1-877-WYO-PARK or the website [www.wyo-park.com](http://www.wyo-park.com).

January 1, 1966, a hunter safety certificate.

(a) Youth only hunt days. Youth only hunt days shall be November 3, 10, 17 and 24. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on youth hunt days. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adult shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt days. No Glendo permit is required for youths to hunt on youth only hunt days.

(b) Application for Glendo permits. Completed applications shall be submitted to the Cheyenne Office of the Department on proper application forms beginning August 15. Applications shall be accepted until 5:00 p.m. September 15. A drawing shall be utilized to determine successful applicants. A person shall only submit a single application. No person shall apply for and receive more than one (1) Glendo permit in a calendar year. Successful applicants shall be notified by mail of their hunting date and furnished a set of special instructions.

(c) Issuance of Glendo permits. A maximum of sixty (60) permits shall be issued in the drawing for each day a permit is required. The Glendo permit shall only be valid for the day printed on the permit by the Department.

**Section 8. Sand Mesa and Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Areas Youth Hunt.** The youth only hunt day is November 16. Only youths shall be allowed to take pheasants on this date. Youths under the age of fourteen (14) shall be accompanied by an adult. No adults shall take any pheasant during the youth only hunt day, except as provided in this section. The youth hunt shall take place on all lands included in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Area east of the Bass Lake Road, and all lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Area north of the Shoshone River.

**Section 9. Archery Regulations.**

(a) General Seasons. Pheasants may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

**Section 10. Falconry Seasons.**

(a) Pheasants may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter. Persons hunting with falcons may take any pheasant.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter, except as otherwise provided in subsection 4(f) and subsection 10(c) of this Chapter.

(c) Closed Areas.

Hunt Area	Limitations
8, 9	Closed to falconry hunting

**Section 11. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number.

**Area 1.** All of Fremont County, excluding the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area surrounding Ocean Lake and excluding the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road. All of Sheridan, Johnson, Park, Washakie and Hot Springs counties, and all of Big Horn County excluding lands in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of U.S. Highway 14A.

**Area 2.** All lands included in the Ocean Lake Wildlife Habitat Management Area surrounding Ocean Lake and all lands included in the Sand Mesa Wildlife Habitat Management Area east of the Bass Lake Road.

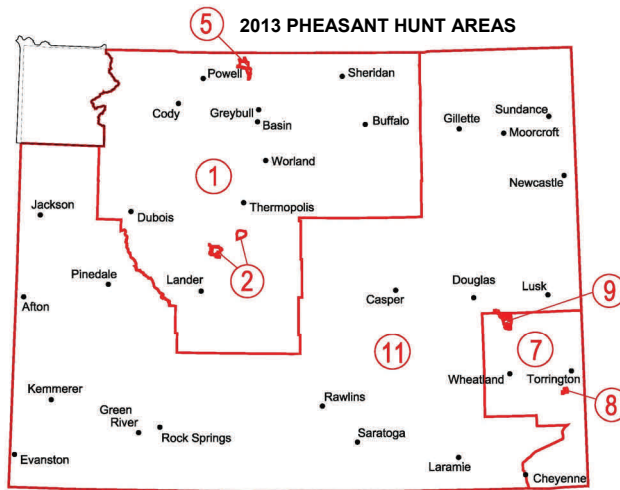
**Area 5.** All of the lands included in the Yellowtail Wildlife Habitat Management Area north of U.S. Highway 14A.

**Area 7.** All of Goshen and Platte counties and that portion of Laramie County east of U.S. Highway 85, excluding Hunt Areas 8 and 9.

**Area 8.** All of the lands included in the Springer/Bump-Sullivan Wildlife Habitat Management Area.

**Area 9.** All Bureau of Reclamation withdrawal lands bordering and including Glendo State Park and the adjoining Department Private Lands/Public Wildlife Walk-in Area.

**Area 11.** The entire state of Wyoming, excluding the lands described in Areas 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9.



THIS MAP IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY. Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation for detailed boundary information.

**Section 12. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: *Mike Healy*

Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

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## CHAPTER 19

### SHARP-TAILED GROUSE HUNTING SEASONS

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**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of sharp-tailed grouse that may be legally taken in a single day.



(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of sharp-tailed grouse that may be legally in possession. Sharp-tailed grouse in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

#### **Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of sharp-tailed grouse shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(b) Evidence of Species. One fully-feathered wing or the feathered head shall remain naturally attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while sharp-tailed grouse are being transported.

(c) Nontoxic Shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting sharp-tailed grouse on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open to hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting sharp-tailed grouse on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(d) Open Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Dates of Season		Bag Limit		Limitations
	Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
1	Sep. 1	Dec. 31	3	9	Any sharp-tailed grouse

#### **Section 5. Archery Regulations.**

(a) Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

#### **Section 6. Falconry Seasons.**

(a) Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken with falcons in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

(b) The falconry season shall open September 1 and close March 1 in those hunt areas listed in Section 4 of this Chapter.

#### **Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.**

(a) Area and Number.

**Area 1.** That portion of Wyoming east of the Continental Divide.

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

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**CHAPTER 20**  
**WILD TURKEY FALL AND SPRING**  
**HUNTING SEASONS**

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**APPLICATIONS FOR FALL WILD TURKEY LICENSES.**

Applications for resident and nonresident LIMITED QUOTA, GENERAL, AND LANDOWNER FALL WILD TURKEY licenses shall be accepted at the Cheyenne Office July 1 through July 31. Resident and nonresident GENERAL FALL WILD TURKEY licenses may also be purchased from any automated license selling agent or from the Department website: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov> beginning September 1 until the end of the season.

**APPLICATIONS FOR SPRING WILD TURKEY LICENSES.**

Applications for resident and nonresident LIMITED QUOTA AND GENERAL SPRING WILD TURKEY licenses shall be accepted at the Cheyenne Office January 1 through January 31. LANDOWNER SPRING WILD TURKEY licenses shall be accepted at the Cheyenne Office January 1 through January 20. Resident and nonresident GENERAL SPRING WILD TURKEY licenses may also be purchased from any automated license selling agent or from the Department website: <http://wgfd.wyo.gov> beginning March 1 until the end of the season.

**APPLICATIONS FOR LANDOWNER LICENSES.**

Residents and nonresidents who qualify for LANDOWNER WILD TURKEY licenses must apply within the application dates to the game warden in the area where subject lands are located. Minimum requirements are 160 acres and 2,000 animal days of use annually by the species for which application is made. Landowners should contact local game wardens to determine eligibility well before the application period.

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302.

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of wild turkey for fall 2013 and spring 2014, as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "General Wild Turkey Licenses" means wild turkey licenses that are unlimited in number and valid in any hunt area with a general license hunting season for a specified sex of wild turkey during specified season dates.

(b) "Limited Quota Wild Turkey Licenses" means wild turkey licenses that are limited in number and valid only in a specified hunt area or portion of a hunt area for a specified sex of wild turkey during specified season dates.

(c) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) license for a wild turkey during any one (1) season, except as otherwise provided in this regulation. The maximum bag limit for wild turkey for any person with the proper license shall not exceed one (1) wild turkey per license.

(b) Issuance of Licenses. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) fall wild turkey license and one (1) spring wild turkey license in any calendar year. After the initial drawing is completed, a person may apply for and receive up to three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for each season, provided that at least two (2) of those licenses are Limited Quota Type 3 licenses. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for the fall season and no more than a total of three (3) wild turkey licenses valid for the spring season.

(c) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of wild turkey shall be one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

(d) Nontoxic Shot. Nontoxic shot shall be required for hunting wild turkeys on all of the lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open for hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting wild turkey on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas, and on national wildlife refuges.

(e) Evidence of Sex. During the spring season in those hunt areas limited to the taking of male wild turkeys or any wild turkey with a visible beard, a visible beard shall remain naturally

attached to the carcass as a means of identification in the field and while the wild turkey is being transported.

(f) 2013 Fall Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Dates of Season		Limited Quota	Limitations
		Opens	Closes		
1		Nov. 1	Nov. 30		General license; any wild turkey
2		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
*3		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	250	Limited quota licenses; any wild turkey
*4		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
*6	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	50	Limited quota licenses; any wild turkey
*8		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
*9		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
	3	Oct. 1	Dec. 31	100	Limited quota licenses; any wild turkey
*10	1	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	50	Limited quota licenses; any wild turkey
*11		Oct. 1	Nov. 30		General license; any wild turkey
13		Oct. 1	Dec. 31		General license; any wild turkey
*14		Oct. 1	Oct. 31		General license; any wild turkey

\* Indicates hunt areas with difficult public access (please see "WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS WITH DIFFICULT PUBLIC ACCESS" on page 10 in the Important Hunter Information section.

(g) 2014 Spring Season. Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations.

Hunt Area	Type	Dates of Season		Limited	Limitations
		Opens	Closes	Quota	
1		Apr. 12	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
2		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
*3		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	Apr. 1	May 20	300	Limited quota licenses; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
*4		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
*6	1	Apr. 12	May 20	200	Limited quota licenses; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
*8		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
*9		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
	3	Apr. 1	May 20	100	Limited quota licenses; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
*10	1	Apr. 12	May 20	200	Limited quota licenses; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
*11		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
13		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard
*14		Apr. 1	May 20		General license; any male wild turkey or any wild turkey with a visible beard

\* Indicates hunt areas with difficult public access (please see "WILD TURKEY HUNT AREAS WITH DIFFICULT PUBLIC ACCESS" on page 10 in the Important Hunter Information section.

#### Section 5. Archery Regulations.

(a) Wild turkey may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

#### Section 6. Hunt Area Descriptions.

(a) Area and Number.

**Area 1. Black Hills.** All of Crook County and that portion of Weston County north of U.S. Highway 16 or east of U.S. Highway 85.

**Area 2. Laramie Peak.** That portion of Converse County south of the North Platte River, that portion of Platte County west of Interstate Highway 25, that portion of Laramie County west of Interstate Highway 25, north of Wyoming Highway 211 and north of the Fisher Canyon/Rogers Canyon Road, and that portion of Albany County north of U.S. Highway 30 and the Ninth Street-Rogers Canyon Road.

**Area 3. Powder River.** All of Campbell, Johnson and Sheridan counties.

**Area 4. Goshen.** All of Goshen County and that portion of Platte County east of Interstate Highway 25.

**Area 6. Shoshone.** All of the Clark's Fork River drainage, all of the Shoshone River drainage in Big Horn County, all of the Shoshone River drainage in Park County north of U.S. Highway 14-16-20, and that portion of the Big Horn River drainage in Bighorn County north of Sheep Mountain Canyon and the Bear Creek-Shell Creek divide.

**Area 8. Laramie County.** That portion of Laramie County east of Interstate Highway 25.

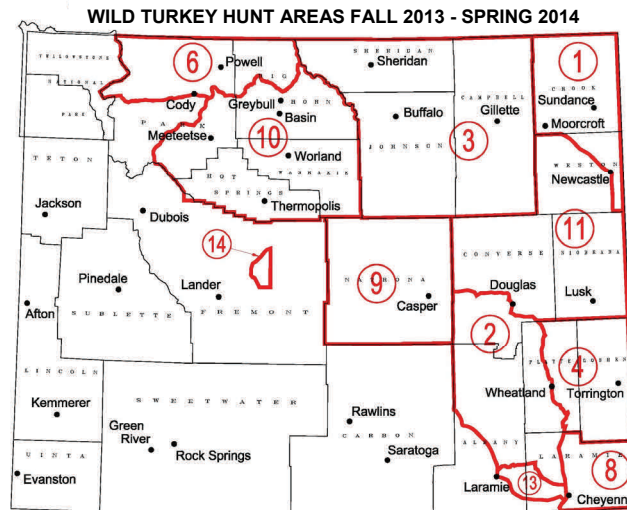
**Area 9. Natrona County.** All of Natrona County.

**Area 10. Bighorn.** All of the Bighorn River drainage in Bighorn County south of Sheep Mountain Canyon and the Bear Creek-Shell Creek divide, all of Washakie County, all of Hot Springs County, and that portion of the Bighorn River drainage in Park County south and east of the Shoshone River drainage.

**Area 11. Cheyenne River.** That portion of Weston County south of U.S. Highway 16 and west of U.S. Highway 85, all of Niobrara County, and that portion of Converse County north of the North Platte River.

**Area 13. Pole Mountain.** Beginning in the city of Laramie and the Rogers Canyon-Ninth Street Road (Albany County Road 17-Laramie County Road 228); northeasterly along said road to Wyoming Highway 211; southeasterly along said highway to Interstate Highway 25; southerly along said highway to Interstate Highway 80; westerly along said highway to the city of Laramie.

**Area 14. Wind River.** All non-Indian owned fee title lands, Boysen State Park lands and Bureau of Reclamation lands within the following described area: beginning where Wyoming Highway 789 crosses the Wind River Reservation boundary east of Boysen Reservoir; southerly, then westerly along said boundary to Wyoming Highway 135; northwesterly along said highway to Wyoming Highway 789; northeasterly along said highway to the Wind River Reservation boundary east of Boysen Reservoir.



THIS MAP IS FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY. Please use the written boundary descriptions in this regulation for detailed boundary information.

**Section 7. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

By: *Mike Healy*

Mike Healy, President

Dated: April 25, 2013

**2013-2014 Shooting Hours Table.** This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours (one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset) adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for the taking of upland game birds, except as provided in Chapter 18 Pheasant Hunting Seasons. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

**ST = Starting Time — QT = Quitting Time**

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
September								
1-7	6:17	7:48	6:11	7:42	6:03	7:34	5:57	7:28
8-14	6:25	7:36	6:19	7:30	6:11	7:22	6:05	7:16
15-21	6:33	7:23	6:27	7:17	6:19	7:09	6:13	7:03
22-30	6:41	7:08	6:35	7:02	6:27	6:54	6:21	6:48
October								
1-7	6:50	6:55	6:44	6:49	6:36	6:41	6:30	6:35
8-14	6:58	6:43	6:52	6:37	6:44	6:29	6:38	6:23
15-21	7:07	6:31	7:01	6:25	6:53	6:17	6:47	6:11
22-31	7:17	6:18	7:11	6:12	7:03	6:04	6:57	5:58
November								
1-2	7:25	6:11	7:19	6:05	7:11	5:57	7:05	5:51
*3-7	6:29	5:06	6:23	5:00	6:15	4:52	6:09	4:46
8-14	6:37	5:00	6:31	4:54	6:23	4:46	6:17	4:40
15-21	6:45	4:53	6:39	4:47	6:31	4:39	6:25	4:33
22-30	6:55	4:48	6:49	4:42	6:41	4:34	6:35	4:28
December								
1-7	7:04	4:45	6:58	4:39	6:50	4:31	6:44	4:25
8-14	7:10	4:45	7:04	4:39	6:56	4:31	6:50	4:25
15-21	7:15	4:47	7:09	4:41	7:01	4:33	6:55	4:27
22-31	7:19	4:52	7:13	4:46	7:05	4:38	6:59	4:32
January								
1-7	7:20	4:59	7:14	4:53	7:06	4:45	7:00	4:39
8-14	7:19	5:06	7:13	5:00	7:05	4:52	6:59	4:46
15-21	7:16	5:14	7:10	5:08	7:02	5:00	6:56	4:54
22-31	7:09	5:25	7:03	5:19	6:55	5:11	6:49	5:05
February								
1-7	7:01	5:36	6:55	5:30	6:47	5:22	6:41	5:16
8-14	6:52	5:46	6:46	5:40	6:38	5:32	6:32	5:26
15-21	6:42	5:55	6:36	5:49	6:28	5:41	6:22	5:35
22-28	6:31	6:04	6:25	5:58	6:17	5:50	6:11	5:44
March								
1	6:25	6:09	6:19	6:03	6:11	5:55	6:05	5:49

\*Start Mountain Standard Time



**2013 Shooting Hours Table.** One-half hour before sunrise to sunset. This hours adopted by the Wyoming table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting Game and Fish Commission for the taking of wild turkey. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

**ST = Starting Time — QT = Quitting Time**

**Wild Turkey Fall Season**

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
September								
15-21	6:33	7:23	6:27	7:17	6:19	7:09	6:13	7:03
22-30	6:41	7:08	6:35	7:02	6:27	6:54	6:21	6:48
October								
1-7	6:50	6:55	6:44	6:49	6:36	6:41	6:30	6:35
8-14	6:58	6:43	6:52	6:37	6:44	6:29	6:38	6:23
15-21	7:07	6:31	7:01	6:25	6:53	6:17	6:47	6:11
22-31	7:17	6:18	7:11	6:12	7:03	6:04	6:57	5:58
November								
1-2	7:25	6:11	7:19	6:05	7:11	5:57	7:05	5:51
*3-7	6:29	5:06	6:23	5:00	6:15	4:52	6:09	4:46
8-14	6:37	5:00	6:31	4:54	6:23	4:46	6:17	4:40
15-21	6:45	4:53	6:39	4:47	6:31	4:39	6:25	4:33
22-30	6:55	4:48	6:49	4:42	6:41	4:34	6:35	4:28
December								
1-7	7:04	4:45	6:58	4:39	6:50	4:31	6:44	4:25
8-14	7:10	4:45	7:04	4:39	6:56	4:31	6:50	4:25
15-21	7:15	4:47	7:09	4:41	7:01	4:33	6:55	4:27
22-31	7:19	4:52	7:13	4:46	7:05	4:38	6:59	4:32

\*Start Mountain Standard Time

**2014 Shooting Hours Table.** One-half hour before sunrise to sunset. This table (including adjustments for daylight savings time) lists the official shooting hours adopted by the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission for the taking of wild turkey. (Do not use tables from other sources.)

**ST = Starting Time — QT = Quitting Time**

	AREA A		AREA B		AREA C		AREA D	
	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT	ST	QT
April								
1-7	6:26	7:49	6:20	7:43	6:12	7:35	6:06	7:29
8-14	6:14	7:57	6:08	7:51	6:00	7:43	5:54	7:37
15-21	6:03	8:05	5:57	7:59	5:49	7:51	5:43	7:45
22-30	5:51	8:14	5:45	8:08	5:37	8:00	5:31	7:54
May								
1-7	5:39	8:23	5:33	8:17	5:25	8:09	5:19	8:03
8-14	5:31	8:31	5:25	8:25	5:17	8:17	5:11	8:11
15-20	5:24	8:38	5:18	8:32	5:10	8:24	5:04	8:18

AREA A - Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, Uinta counties

AREA B - Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie counties

AREA C - Albany, Campbell, Carbon, Converse, Johnson, Natrona, Sheridan counties

AREA D - Crook, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara, Platte, Weston counties

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PYGMY RABBITS**—Small game hunters in southwest Wyoming should be aware of the pygmy rabbit, a small, rare rabbit similar in appearance to the cottontail. Pygmy rabbits are found in Uinta, southern Lincoln and Sublette counties and western Sweetwater County. Pygmy rabbits inhabit dense, tall thickets of sagebrush along small streams and riparian areas, sagebrush stringers along dry washes, and hummocks or clumps of sagebrush on dry, upland benches. The pygmy rabbit is classified as a nongame species and protected from intentional harvest. There is no open season for taking pygmy rabbits. The pygmy rabbit is about the size of a juvenile cottontail. Other comparative characteristics are:

Pygmy Rabbit  
short, rounded ears  
small, inconspicuous tail,  
yellow-brown on underside

Cottontail Rabbit  
longer, more pointed ears  
large white tail

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## CHAPTER 17

### SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS

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**Section 1. Authority.** These rules are promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302 and §23-2-105(d).

**Section 2. Hunting Seasons Established.** There shall be open seasons for the hunting of small game as set forth in this Chapter, and in accordance with Chapter 2, General Hunting Regulation. This regulation shall remain in effect until modified or repealed by the Commission.

**Section 3. Definitions.** For the purpose of this regulation, definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) "Daily bag limit" means the maximum number of small game that may be legally taken in a single day.

(b) "Nontoxic shot" means steel or any other federally-approved nontoxic shot.

(c) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of small game animals that may be legally in possession. Small game animals in transit or storage shall be considered in possession.

**Section 4. Hunting Regulations.**

(a) Shooting Hours. Shooting hours for the hunting of small game shall be from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

(b) Nontoxic shot shall be required when using a shotgun to take small game on all of the lands included in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Areas and on all national wildlife refuges open to hunting. No person shall possess shot shells loaded with shot other than nontoxic shot while hunting small game on all lands in the Springer and Table Mountain Wildlife Habitat Management Areas and on national wildlife refuges.

- (c) Species, Hunt Areas, Season Dates, Bag Limit and Limitations.

Species	Hunt Area	Dates of Season		Bag Limit		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
Cottontail Rabbit	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any cottontail rabbit
Snowshoe Hare	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	4	8	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	1	Sep. 1	Mar. 1	10	20	Any red, gray or fox squirrel

#### Section 5. Archery Regulations.

- (a) General Seasons. Small game animals may be taken with archery equipment in accordance with Section 4 of this Chapter.

#### Section 6. Falconry Regulations.

- (a) Small game animals may be taken with falcons in accordance with the open seasons in the table below.

Species	Hunt Area	Dates of Season		Bag Limit		Limitations
		Opens	Closes	Daily	Possession	
Cottontail Rabbit	1	Sep. 1 Mar. 2	Mar. 1 Aug. 31	10 1	20 2	Any cottontail rabbit
Snowshoe Hare	1	Sep. 1 Mar. 2	Mar. 1 Aug. 31	10 1	20 2	Any snowshoe hare
Red, Gray and Fox Squirrel	1	Sep. 1 Mar. 2	Mar. 1 Aug. 31	10 1	20 2	Any red, gray or fox squirrel

#### Section 7. Hunt Area Descriptions.

- (a) Area and Number.

**Area 1.** The entire state of Wyoming.

**Section 8. Savings Clause.** If any provision of this regulation shall be held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such a ruling shall not affect other provisions of this regulation which can be given effect without the illegal or unconstitutional provision; and, to this end, the provisions of this regulation shall be severable.

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